

We claim:

1. A method for treating an acute pain medication overuse disorder,  
the method comprising a step of local administration of a botulinum toxin  
5 to a patient with acute pain medication overuse disorder, thereby  
treating the acute pain medication overuse disorder.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from  
the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.  
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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum  
toxin type A.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered  
15 in an amount of between about 1 unit and about 3,000 units.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the local administration is by  
intramuscular or subcutaneous administration to a location on or within a  
head of a patient.  
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6. The method of claim 1, wherein the local administration of the  
botulinum toxin is to a facial muscle of the patient.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the local administration to a forehead  
25 of the patient
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the local administration of the  
botulinum toxin is to a subdermal location or to a muscle location from  
which the patient perceives a pain to arise.  
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9. A method for treating a acute pain medication overuse disorder, the  
method comprising a step of local administration of between about 1

unit and about 3,000 units of a botulinum toxin type A, thereby alleviating a acute pain medication overuse disorder.